

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing digital video images and still images comprising:

enabling providing sequential frames of image data ~~to be provided~~ to a user for rendering as video images, the video images being configured for providing at a first resolution, at least some of the image data being stored at a second resolution higher than the first resolution;

enabling responsive to a user input corresponding to viewing the image data as video images, automatically converting at least some of the image data configured with the second resolution ~~to be converted~~ such that the frames provided to the user for rendering as video images are configured with the first resolution;

displaying the sequential frames of image data as video images at the first resolution;
receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the video images ~~frames of image data at the second resolution;~~ and

enabling providing image data corresponding to the requested one of the ~~frames to be provided~~ video images to the user ~~for rendering as a still image, the still image being configured for providing~~ at the second resolution such that a still image corresponding to the requested one of the video images is obtained at the second higher resolution.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~enabling~~ providing frames of image data ~~to be provided~~ to a user for rendering as video images comprises:

enabling the frames of image data to be provided to the user at a resolution of 640 pixels by 480 pixels.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~enabling~~ providing image data corresponding to the requested one of the ~~frames to be provided~~ video images ~~to the user for rendering as a still image~~ comprises:

enabling image data corresponding to the requested one of the ~~frames~~ video images to be provided to the user at a resolution of 1024 pixels by 768 pixels.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~providing frames of image data~~ comprises:

~~providing sequential frames of the image data such that~~ the image data configured with the second resolution is intermittently disposed among the frames of image data.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically converting ~~providing frames of image data~~ comprises:

compressing the at least some of the image data configured with the second resolution such that the frames provided to the user for rendering as video images are configured with the first resolution.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the ~~frames of~~ video images ~~data~~ comprises:

~~receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the frames of image data configured at the first resolution; and~~

~~wherein enabling image data corresponding to the requested one of the frames to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image comprises:~~

enabling a frame of second resolution image data most closely corresponding to the requested ~~frame of~~ video image data to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the ~~frames of~~ video images ~~data~~ comprises:

~~receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the frames of image data configured at the first resolution; and~~

~~wherein enabling image data corresponding to the requested one of the frames to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image comprises:~~

enabling modification of image data such that image data to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image is provided at a resolution higher than the first resolution.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein enabling modification of image data comprises:

enabling modification of the two frames of second resolution image data most closely corresponding to the requested frame of image data.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein enabling modification of image data comprises:

enabling modification of at least the one frame of second resolution image data most closely corresponding to the requested frame of image data.

12. (Currently Amended) An imaging system comprising:

a video/still imaging system configured to provide frames of image data to a user for rendering as video images of a first resolution, said video/still imaging system storing at least some of the frames of image data at a higher, second resolution,

wherein said video/still imaging system compresses image data configured with the second resolution such that image data provided to the user for rendering as video images is automatically configured with the first resolution, responsive to a user request to display the image data as video images;

said video/still imaging system being further configured to receive a request for image data corresponding to one of the frames of image data such that, in response thereto, said video/still imaging system automatically provides image data corresponding to the requested one of the frames to the user for rendering as a still image, the still image being configured with the second resolution.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The imaging system of claim 12, further comprising:

means for receiving a request for image data corresponding to one of the frames of image data.

15. (Original) The imaging system of claim 12, further comprising: means for storing frames of image data.

16. (Currently Amended) An imaging system comprising:

an image data storage medium having sequential frames of image data stored thereon, said frames being configured to be automatically provided to a user for rendering as video images, responsive to a user request to view the image data as video images, the video images being configured for providing at a first resolution;

at least some of said sequential frames being configured to be provided to the user for rendering as ~~[[a]]~~ still images, the still images being configured ~~for providing to be~~ automatically provided at a second resolution, responsive to a user request to view the image data as still images, the second resolution being higher than the first resolution such that, when the user is viewing the image data as video images and requests to view an image corresponding to one of the video images as a still image, the second resolution image data is automatically provided, thereby providing the user with higher resolution image data than that provided by the video images.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a computer program for providing digital video images and still images, said computer readable medium comprising:

logic configured to enable sequential frames of image data to be automatically provided to a user for rendering as video images, the video images being configured for providing at a first resolution despite at least some of the sequential frames of image data being stored at a higher, second resolution;

logic configured to receive a request for image data corresponding to one of the sequential frames of image data; and

logic configured to enable image data corresponding to the requested one of the sequential frames to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image, the still image being configured for providing at the second resolution such that, when the user is viewing the sequential frames as video images and requests to view one of the sequential frames as a still image, the second resolution image data is automatically provided, thereby providing the user with higher resolution image data than that provided by the video images.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the logic configured to enable sequential frames of image data to be provided to a user for rendering as video images comprises:

logic configured to compress the at least some of the image data configured with the second resolution such that the sequential frames provided to the user for rendering as video images are configured with the first resolution.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the logic configured to receive a request for image data corresponding to one of the sequential frames of image data comprises:

logic configured to receive a request for image data corresponding to one of the sequential frames of image data configured at the first resolution; and

wherein the logic configured to enable image data corresponding to the requested one of the sequential frames to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image comprises:

logic configured to enable the frame of second resolution image data most closely corresponding to the requested frame of image data to be provided to the user for rendering as a still image.